



State of Arizona  
Department of Education

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** County and District Superintendents  
Directors of Special Education  
Charter School Administrators  
Other State Agencies

**FROM:** Miriam Podrazik, Coordinator  
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**RE:** FY 2003 On-line Capacity-Building Grant Applications Now Available

The Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services (ADE/ESS), in concert with the U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, supports the establishment and operation of pre-service, in-service, and direct service programs to meet the needs of students with disabilities and/or the training needs of personnel serving these children. Support for these programs is offered to you through several capacity-building grants, which are designed to help education agencies focus on providing high-quality instructional experiences or related services so all children can meet or exceed challenging state content and performance standards.

ADE/ESS will allocate available federal capacity-building grant funds in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997. Funds must be used to supplement and, to the extent practicable, increase the level of state and local funds expended for the support of the education of children with disabilities. These funds may not be used to supplant state and local funds.

Grants will be funded up to \$25,000 per year for two years. The project period may begin as early as July 1, 2002, and end on June 30, 2003. The second-year renewal will be subject to first-year fiscal and program review. An additional application will not be required for second-year funding. Carryover funds will not be allowed. Small districts and charter schools are encouraged to collaborate with other education agencies and submit joint applications. A lead agency will need to be designated, and a single application must be submitted per priority. If you have any questions on this, please feel free to call me.

On-line applications are now available for the following priorities through the grants management enterprise web site at <http://www.ade.az.gov/gme>.

- Creating Discipline in Schools (Arizona Behavior Initiative)
- Creating Collaborative Models for Identifying Students Grades K – 3
- Alternative Programs for Students with Emotional Disabilities
- Best Practices Early Childhood Transition from AzEIP to Preschool

- Improved Parent-School Decision Making
- Improved Student Reading Achievement
- Counseling Grant
- Paraprofessional Training
- Seamless Transition From Secure Care Settings Through Community Collaboration
- Promising Transition from School to Adult Life

All capacity-building grants must be submitted electronically, unless your education agency does not have the capability to do so. If a hard copy of the application is being submitted in lieu of electronic submission, please contact Nanette Slinkey at (602) 542-3183 for a copy of the complete application packet.

Deadline for application submission is April 1, 2002, 5:00 p.m. All applications must be received by ADE/ESS, either electronically or stamped in as a hard copy, by this date and time. Postmarks will not be considered.